

The Governor's Office of Community Service Staff Analysis

And recommendation For 2011 AmeriCorps Competitive Applications

Provided to the Grant Review Workgroup on November 30th 2011

Staff completed the following analysis for each applicant based on whether they are a new applicant or a previously funded AmeriCorps Applicant. This information is provided to the grant review workgroup to assist them in determining a final ranking. This information does not affect the applicant's application score.

Applicant: **Young Adult Service Corps**

Federal Request: \$180,842

Total Match: \$91,231

Match %: 34%

Risk Assessment: Less than 10 points – Low Risk (9 points)

	Current Grant ('10)	Revised Request ('11)	Difference
Federal Funds	\$133,252	\$180,842	\$47,590
Cash Match	\$31,840	\$51,231	\$19,391
In-Kind Match	\$28,800	\$40,000	\$11,200
Total Match	\$60,640	\$91,231	\$30,591
Match %	31.28%	33.53%	2.26%
Project Cost	\$193,892	\$272,073	\$78,181
MSY:	23.28	25.40	2.12
Cost per MSY:	\$5,724	\$7,120	\$1,396

PAST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2009 Grant

Enrollment Rate: 105%

Retention Rate: 81%

Enrollments Completed within 30 Days: 98%

Exits Completed within 30 Days: 98%

Performance Measures Success:	Output	Intermediate Outcome	End Outcome
Service Delivery	Met	Met	-
Volunteer Recruitment	Met	Met	-
Youth Leadership Development	Met	Met	Met

Summary of the Program's Service Activities

- I. Members serving in the following focus areas
 - a. After school programs/mentoring
 - b. Learn & Serve
 - c. Community Clean Up
 - d. Disabilities Awareness
 - e. Peer Mentoring
 - f. Teachers Assistant for Special Education Class
 - g. School Activities, Clubs, Concessions, Events
 - h. Blood Drives
 - i. Recycling
 - j. Special Olympics
 - k. Mariah's Challenge (anti-drinking presentations)
 - l. Organ Donation
 - m. Safe Driving Education for Teens
 - n. Agency Activities and Events
 - o. Painting
 - p. Snow Removal
 - q. Dorm Maintenance and Cleaning
 - r. Build a Greenhouse
 - s. Food Drive and Distribution
 - t. Blankets for Children in Need

Program Strengths which Complement the Commission's Portfolio and State Service Plan

- I. Statewide Reach (Expand and Promote Volunteerism in Montana)
 - a. Members Serving in 12 Counties across Montana
- II. Volunteer Recruitment (Expand Opportunities for all Montanans to Volunteer)
 - a. In 2009-2010, Young Adult Service Corps members recruited 133 volunteers
 - b. In 2009-2010, recruited volunteers logged 1,828 hours

Program Challenges

Ability to Meet Match

Young Adult Service Corps has a history of meeting their required match amount/percentage. During 2009/2010 their required match was 26% and what they achieved was 32%.

Programmatic Compliance

Enrollment Rate: For the 2009/10 grant cycle the program filled 105 slots and achieved an enrollment rate of 105%. They enrolled all 100 base slots and 5 of 13 refill slots. This is consistent for 2008/2009 when the program also achieved an enrollment rate greater than 100%.

Retention Rate: YASC's retention rate during the last grant cycle was 81%

Several members that were exited without an award did not complete the final paperwork that was necessary. In response YASC plans to strengthen their recruitment and selection processes. One way they plan to accomplish this is by incorporating into their hiring materials the time commitment that is expected. Additionally YASC will continue their efforts to work closely with site supervisors in the recruitment, selection and orientation processes.

Performance and progress toward impact Success: YASC met all their performance measurements for the 2009-2010 grant year. 94.2% of YASC Members reported an increase in leadership confidence exceeding the target (75%) and improving over the 2008-2009 results (77%).

Deadlines

Compliance Findings: No significant compliance issues were found during site visits

Enrollments/Exits Completed within 30 Days: 103 of 105 members or 98% were enrolled within the 30 day window. One enrollee was one day late due to a counting error and one applicant was enrolled five days late because staff was waiting on documentation.

For member exits, 103 of 105 members were exited within the 30 day window. One member was exited 3 days late while another was 19 days due to

Reporting Deadlines: During the 2009/10 cycle all reporting deadlines were met.

Staff Assessment:

- This is a unique program that addresses unmet needs in Montana
- Staff has been working with Young Adult Service Corps for a few years to prepare them for the competitive level
- Special Circumstances: Staff recognizes and supports the increase in cost per MSY due to understaffing in years past
 - Application would be strengthened with an explanation of why the cost per MSY is increasing significantly
 - Application would be strengthened with a multiyear strategy to increase MSY without increasing the cost per MSY as in years past
- Budget
 - Indirect Cost Rate Clarification
 - Cost of Criminal History Checks
 - Formal Audit added to the budget
- Recommend Young Adult Service Corps have a formal audit completed

Recommendation Summary: Staff Recommends Young Adult Service Corps for Competitive funding pending technical assistance from staff for final budget.